

## BLACK MEN, CAST ASIDE, TO FIGHT

Organize Attack on Lilly Whites, and Will Carry Grievances to Chicago.

### CALL FOR THE CONVENTION

Disgruntled White Men Said to Be Directing Movement from the Background.

RESULTING largely, if not almost entirely, from the casting aside of the negro by the Republican organization of Virginia in the State and district conventions recently held, a movement has developed and a call has been issued for counter-meetings to elect contesting delegates to the national body, which meets in Chicago in June.

The call for a State gathering of the "outs" to be held in this city on May 14th, was sent out yesterday. It is signed by five colored Republicans, all of Richmond, but a number of white men, who have not been able to secure recognition by the organization in the distribution of recent honors, are understood to be in sympathy with the movement, and are quietly directing it from the background.

The district conventions will be held in all the congressional districts on May 14th, and delegates will then be chosen to the State convention.

Signers of the general call are John M. Benson, P. B. Ramsey, E. W. Brown, Joseph R. Pollard and James H. Hayes. Contest at Chicago.

The chief object of the movement inaugurated here is to bring up a contest before the national convention at Chicago, in order to determine if the negro is to be excluded from the ranks of the party to which he swore his first allegiance upon securing the right of suffrage, and to which his race with rare exceptions has been devotedly loyal. It is believed that the white men who are participating in this new movement have been tipped off by Washington by the friends of Speaker Cannon and other presidential aspirants who are seeking to stem the Taft tide, which seems to be sweeping over the Republicans of the South.

It will be urged that the organization now in the hands of the "outs" Slem and his "Lilly White" followers is largely an office-holding organization, and that it is rapidly becoming a cruel if not a dangerous political machine.

Objects Clearly Stated.

Among the various whereases in the call issued for the convention is the stated, the following is intended:

"This crisis has been brought about by the tyrannical and illegal acts of the Federal office-holders all over this State (with a few honorable exceptions) in changing the character of the party from the national Republican party to a Lilly White Republican party of Virginia, by taking illegal control of all city, county and district conventions, as well as the State convention, held in Lynchburg April 8, 1908, which was controlled by the Federal office-holders in this State in order to complete their Lilly White organization and elect themselves, or others who will be under their control, as delegates and alternates to the Chicago convention, in absolute violation of all the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the President's explicit orders."

Another section of the call plainly sets out that the object is to test the whole matter before the national committee. It follows:

"The delegates to the Chicago convention are powerless to right the wrongs done by the Federal office-holders. The National Committee to the Republican National Convention to be held June 16, 1908; therefore, to that end, notice is hereby given that a district Republican mass convention shall be held at the Third Congressional District of Virginia, on Thursday, April 14th, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of electing two Republican delegates to the Chicago convention, and to represent this district in the National Convention at Chicago, June 16, 1908, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it."

Well Organized.

The colored voters of the city have had a working organization here since the Lilly Whites sounded their first warning note, and the action taken in calling the election of a contesting delegation to Chicago cannot be a great surprise in political circles.

A white Republican of this city, who is in sympathy with the movement, and who will probably be a leader in the coming State convention, said last night in discussing the matter:

"The delegates to be elected by the eleven conventions just called will not be in the interest of any particular candidate, but they are instructed to elect delegates to the Chicago convention having no prospect of casting an election vote should not force the nomination of any candidate upon those States that will have to elect the next Republican President, if one should be elected."

### EDUCATIONAL RALLY

Dr. Payne and Prof. Messenger Address Meeting at Franklin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FRANKLIN, VA., April 11.—An educational rally was held at the army hall, in this State, Friday evening, April 10th, at a series of meetings in the interest of education, and especially of public school education, and the School Improvement League intends to give to the public, Mr. J. E. Moyer, as temporary president, presented Mr. W. W. White, county school superintendent, to preside over the meeting. Two prominent educators of the State were present to speak.

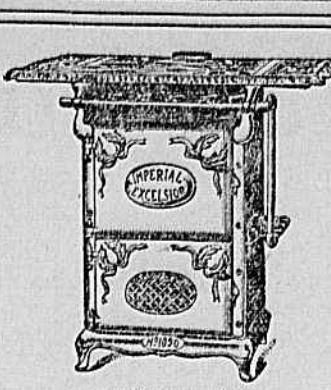
Dr. W. H. L. Johnson, principal of the Franklin High School, introduced the first speaker, Dr. Bruce R. Payne, of the University of Virginia, who gave a most excellent address on the Need of Co-operation in Education. Mr. C. W. Gary, secretary of the board of trustees of the High School, next introduced Prof. J. F. Messenger, of the State Female Normal Institute, who gave a very interesting address on "The Importance of Education."

The following list of officers were elected:

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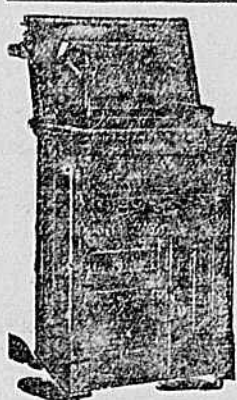
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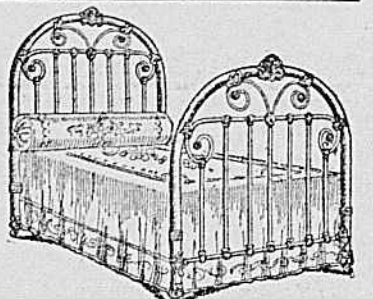
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for the Improvement League: Miss Minnie Pickett, president; Mr. J. E. Moyer, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Darden, secretary. The following was the program of the evening: Prayer, Rev. J. L. McChesney; song, "Warfare," by the High School; address, Dr. Bruce R. Payne; solo, "Good-bye," Miss Lula Overby; address, Dr. J. F. Messenger; election of officers for the School Improvement League; addition of members to the School Improvement League; song, "America," by the High School; song, "Dixie," by the High School.

Nature Study Society.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., April 11.—With delegates from Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, Suffolk and Norfolk in attendance, the Tidewater Chapter of the Nature Study Society of America was organized to-day, having for its object the stimulation of nature study in public and private schools. Several addresses were delivered. Miss A. Venable, of Norfolk, was elected president. The vice-presidents are Miss Van Shilling, Hampton; Miss R. Davis, of Newport News; and Miss Pickett, of Norfolk.

RECITAL BY MRS. CHILD.

Delightful Evening of Music in Chapel of Randolph-Macon.

Last Monday night Mrs. Bertha Cushing Child, of Boston, gave a delightful song recital in the chapel of Randolph-Macon College, at Ashland, for the benefit of the college athletic association.

Mrs. Child is the widow of Charles Tripler Child, formerly a distinguished scientist and editor of Richmond and New York, and was spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. L. C. Fisher, who now resides in Ashland.

Although but brief notice had been given of the recital the chapel was well filled by a brilliant and appreciative audience of citizens and students. Mrs. Child is the fortunate possessor of a rich contralto voice of rare beauty and power, and as an artist is without a superior on the American concert stage. Her singing was not only absolutely flawless from the standpoint of artistic excellence, but better still, it was vibrant with feeling and sentiment and dramatic power. After hearing such a performance it is easy to understand the enthusiastic approval she has received from

## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Governor to Be Asked to Pardon Walter O'Brien—Other Matters.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Application will be made to Governor Swann for a pardon for young Walter O'Brien, now serving a term in the Chesterfield county jail for breaking the Chesterfield county jail, in a raiding party into a store. The petition is reported to have the indorsement of Judge Watson, of the Chesterfield Circuit Court, and is based on the ground that the health of the prisoner is failing and that if he is longer confined in jail, his life will be placed in danger.

Mr. Haugh Dead.

Mr. William H. Haugh, a former resident of Manchester, died at his home at Clifton Mills, W. Va., on April 5th. The funeral took place at Clifton Mills. Mr. Haugh leaves his widow and six children.

Street Improvements.

The Fourth Ward delegation in the City Council will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Fifteenth and Hill Streets for the purpose of drawing up a scheme of street improvement in that ward during this year.

Boy Ran Away.

Henry Boos, recently released from the Reformatory on probation, to work for a resident near Swansboro, ran away recently and was caught yesterday by Police Sergeant Jarrell. He will be returned to the Reformatory.

Benny and Lianah Thomas, colored, hailing from Philadelphia, were each fined \$3.00 yesterday morning for creating a disturbance on the streets on the night previous. They were arrested by Police Sergeant Alex. Wright. The woman had money and paid her fine, but her husband stayed in jail.

To Sing "Crucifixion."

Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be sung in Central Methodist Church on Thursday night, under the direction of Mr. J. P. Dashiell, assisted by Messrs. Watkins, McEln, Brockenbrough and others. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Parents' Day at Clifton Street Baptist Church has been postponed to two weeks from to-day, owing to the revival services now in progress.

The Rt. Rev. C. C. Penick, D. D., formerly bishop of East Africa, will fill the pulpit in Meade Memorial Church this morning at 11 o'clock.

A meeting of the directors of the Methodist Sunday School Union will be held this afternoon in Central Church.

The Rev. Thomas Semmes, of St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, will conduct the meeting in Leader Hall this evening.

Rev. Dr. Cridfin and the Rev. David Hepburn, of Fulton, will exchange pulpits this morning.

The Rev. Bernard F. Lipscomb, presiding elder of the West Richmond District, will preach at Asbury Methodist Church at 11 A. M.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Methodist Sunday School Union will be held this afternoon at Central Methodist Church at 3 o'clock.

With the Sick.

Mr. A. L. Powell, who has been quite sick at his home, No. 713 Perry Street, is slowly improving.

Bertha Moody is quite sick at her home, No. 1124 Bainbridge Street.

Miss Mattie Bowles is quite sick in her home, No. 21 East Eleventh Street.

## TEAR DOWN THE JAIL

Just Obligated to Have a Drink of Water the Apology Offered.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 11.—At Wendell, a thriving town in this county, on the Norfolk and Western Railway, two men locked up in the town jail last night, Ferrell for fighting and "Pig Place" for drunkenness, tore down the jail and went to their homes, presenting themselves to Mayor Horton this morning with the apology that they were "just obligated to have a drink of water."

Place was "lined \$6 and the case of Ferrell is set for Monday. He and Ned Pierce had been drinking, quarreled and cut each other. Pierce being badly cut about the face and hands.

### WHIP TAFT FORCES DOWN IN CAROLINA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARTER, N. C., April 11.—The Republicans of Mecklenburg county held their convention here to-day. The session was stormy throughout, the issue precipitating trouble being the effort to have the delegates to the State convention elected by the Taft faction. The faction, headed by Postmaster J. B. Spence, fought for these instructions, while the opposition, headed by Jake F. Newell, wanted the delegates to go unimpaired. The anti-Taft faction finally won out and the delegates go unimpaired. The session was marked by many lively passages at arms, but no blood was spilled.

### THE ROANOKE PRIMARY.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., April 11.—Joel H. Cutchin, in nomination for Mayor over L. B. Davis to-day by \$85 majority. J. B. Spence, president of the Common Council, and J. R. Weaver, member of the Board of Aldermen, are the candidates for re-nomination. The total vote was 1,905.

The election passed off very quietly with the exception of a little stir over two dodgers who were circulated. One, issued by the enemies of Cutchin declared that the Mayor was in favor of the Roanoke Gas and Water Company. He replied, denouncing the writer as a "blackguard, falsifier and liar." The friends of the Mayor are enthusiastic to-night over his nomination for the third term.

### Form Chamber of Commerce.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

UIG POINT, N. C., April 11.—A Chamber of Commerce was organized here last night with the election of the following officers: President, Robert Brockett, Sr.; Vice-Presidents, J. E. Kirkman and Dr. J. T. Burrows; Secretary, Arthur Lyon; Treasurer, J. B. Spence. The organization has about 100 names on the list as members. The final organization will be accomplished at the next meeting on Tuesday night, when all those meeting the requirements will be enrolled as charter members. This makes two such organizations for High Point, the other being the Manufacturers' Club.

### No European Cruises.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—It has been decided to have any European cruises for the midshipmen who will serve with the naval academy practice squadron during the coming summer. The policy of the authorities at the academy and at Washington is to restrict the operation of the practice squadron to home waters, and this year the cruising will be confined to the lower Chesapeake bay and the Atlantic Ocean in the vicinity of Hampton Roads.

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## Acts of the Assembly

Analysis by Lewis H. Machen

### Qualifications of Voters.

The act approved February 25th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 82, which is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval, amends section 62 of the Code, so as to provide specifically the qualifications of voters at special and local option elections. These qualifications had generally been held to be the same as those of voters at regular elections, but as the special and local option elections occurred at irregular times, considerable confusion had resulted. The new law provides that the qualifications of voters at special and local option elections shall be the same as those prescribed for voters at general elections, provided that at any special or local option election held on or before the second Tuesday in June in any year, any person shall be qualified to vote who is otherwise qualified and has personally paid, at least six months prior to the second Tuesday in June of that year, all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against him during the three years next preceding that in which such special or local option election is held.

For such election held after the second Tuesday in June of any year, any person may vote who is qualified to vote at the regular election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of that year. The term special election is defined to include those held in pursuance of a special law, as well as those to fill a vacancy in any office to be filled by the qualified voters of the State, or of any county, corporation, magisterial district or ward.

### Loans for Building School Houses.

The act approved February 25th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 108, which is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval, amends section 51 of the Code, so as to provide a tax on peddlers of pianos or organs of \$10 for each person engaged in the sale of such instruments; the license tax of peddlers with wagons to be paid to the proper officers of each county, city, town or corporation where such wagon is used, such city or town being authorized to enter into an agreement with the city or town charterers. In other respects the provisions of the old law relating to peddlers' licenses are not changed.

The act approved February 29th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 124, which is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval, provides that when any real estate has been purchased by the Commonwealth or any city at a delinquent land sale, or is delinquent for the State, city or town tax or liens, and shall have been subsequently sold, the Commonwealth or the city or town in complainant, or becomes a party by proving a debt in the suit, this real estate shall not be thereafter liable for any taxes or liens which the Commonwealth, city, town or corporation have proven in the suit, but failed to do so.

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shall be payable in fifteen annual installments, not over 50 per cent. of the cost of the building to be loaned. The local authorities are required to keep the building insured for the benefit of the literary fund. There should also be a lien upon the property upon which any loan is made for the payment of the interest and principal, and the State Board of Education is forbidden to make any loan in cases where the payment of it would thereby entail a heavy charge upon the local board of district. The board of education is authorized to convert personal securities of the literary fund into cash, if it shall deem wise to do so, to an extent not greater than \$100,000 per annum, for the purpose of providing a fund for making these loans.

### Commissions for Depositions.

The act approved February 28th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 116, amends section 2361 of the Code, so as to allow any party to an action at law or suit in chancery to sue out of the clerk's office a commission to take depositions in any State where, by the statutes of such State, a commission may be necessary. The clerk must issue the commission, designating the persons before whom the depositions are to be taken, who must be one of the officers named in section 3360 of the Code as authorized to take depositions, and shall also state the time and place of taking the deposition. This is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval.

### Peddlers' License.

The act approved February 29th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 124, which is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval, amends section 51 of the Code, so as to provide a tax on peddlers of pianos or organs of \$10 for each person engaged in the sale of such instruments; the license tax of peddlers with wagons to be paid to the proper officers of each county, city, town or corporation where such wagon is used, such city or town being authorized to enter into an agreement with the city or town charterers. In other respects the provisions of the old law relating to peddlers' licenses are not changed.

### Sale of Delinquent Land for Taxes.

The act approved February 29th, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 144, which is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval, provides that when any real estate has been purchased by the Commonwealth or any city at a delinquent land sale, or is delinquent for the State, city or town tax or liens, and shall have been subsequently sold, the Commonwealth or the city or town in complainant, or becomes a party by proving a debt in the suit, this real estate shall not be thereafter liable for any taxes or liens which the Commonwealth, city, town or corporation have proven in the suit, but failed to do so.

### Lists of Voters in Towns.

The act approved March 3d, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 162, amends the act of January 12, 1904, in relation to the duties of county treasurers to furnish lists of residents and voters of incorporated towns who may have paid their capitation taxes. The old law is to be found at section 856 of Pollard's Code. The new act is an emergency act, and went into effect on the date of its approval. It provides that the treasurer of every county in the State in which an incorporated town is situated, in which a regular election is to be held on the second Tuesday in June in any year in pursuance of law, and in which a local option election may be ordered as provided by law, shall furnish the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county with a list of the residents of such incorporated town who may have paid the State capitation tax six months prior to the second Tuesday in June. These lists are to be prepared and posted as other similar lists furnished by the treasurer, and he shall receive a like compensation for preparing and posting them.

### Lists of Poll Tax Payers.

The act approved March 3d, Acts of Assembly, 1908, page 162, which is an emergency act, amends the act of March 10, 1904, to be found in Acts of Assembly, 1904, page 133, which is section 856 of Pollard's Code, so as to provide that the treasurer of each county and city shall file with the clerk at least five months before the second Tuesday in June, as well as before the regular election in November, a list of persons who have paid, not later than six months prior to each of said dates, the State Poll taxes required by the Constitution during the three years next preceding that in which such election is held. The old law simply required such filing before the regular elections. Neither the old nor the new statute provides

that the persons named in the list shall have personally paid the tax at the Constitution requires.

The new act makes a slight change in the compensation of the clerk for copying the lists, after having furnished the official list. The old law provides that such other copies should be furnished at the actual reasonable cost of printing or otherwise making them in the cheapest way. The new statute allows half a cent for each ten words in such extra copies, in other respects the new act is similar to the old.

### NATION AND RAILWAYS

Addresses Before American Academy by Men on Both Sides.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 11.—The closing sessions of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science were held to-day and to-night, at which the questions, "The Nation and the Railways" and the "Federal and State Control of Corporations" were discussed by men who hold opposite opinions concerning Federal control of corporations.

Among the speakers at to-night's session were Congressman Burton, of Ohio; John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and James L. Slayden, of Texas; United States Court Judge C. M. Hough, of New York, and Henry H. Hoyt, Solicitor-General of the United States, Washington, D. C.

James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, presided at to-night's session. After the speech of Judge Hough, Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, spoke on "Federal Legislation." He said so far as he could read or had read, all governments, whether free or not, which have existed and fallen, have fallen by weight of political machinery. There has come a time in their histories," he said, "when government and its machinery were the first consideration, and man and his individuality—the support of government—the second."

Mr. Williams said that what has been actually accomplished by "legislation regulating or pretending to regulate interstate commerce, is nothing compared to what is proposed." He enumerated a score or more of measures pending in Congress looking toward Federal control of railroads, such as, for instance, a child labor law, reforestation to preserve stream supply, etc., and while conceding the excellence of the proposed aims, he condemned the method of being attempts at usurpations of State rights by the general government.

Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, presided at the afternoon session, and made the address on "The Nation and the Railways." Referring to the Sherman antitrust law, Mr. Knapp said: "Nothing indicates more the profound sagacity of the President than his call on Congress for a modification of that bill."

Robert Mather, general counsel of the Rock Island Company, was the next speaker.

### Smoker at Club.

A largely attended, and much enjoyed smoker was held at the Commonwealth Club last night, nearly all the members being present. The feature of the evening was a musical entertainment given by the star performers at the Colonial. Harry Lester, impersonations, the musical numbers of the De Van Brothers and the solos of Manager Hill were greatly enjoyed.

### J. & C. FISCHER BACK IN RICHMOND.

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The Crafts house, who are going to be located at Fifth and Grace Streets, in a beautiful building, especially constructed for them, will carry a large stock of these "gems." At their present location, 214 North Fifth Street, they have quite a variety in high grade, new and used pianos which they hope to dispose of during their removal sale.